HMG Annual Cycle of Tasks Programme [see Action Plan for longer-term tasks]

Update August 2023 Mark Fisher, Ken Derham, Nicky Rowbottom		As necessary during period shown											
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Folly Meadow													
Mow paths to 2m width													
Haystacks consolidate as appropriate													
Cut willow wherry annually to around waist height													
Pollard the Willow passage													
Dipping platform: clear grass													
Dredge ditch opposite dipping platform													As necessary
Dykes - Clear side of bank													South side most years, north side as needed but not both in same year
Dykes - Clear weeds to maintain 65% open water													
Remove all dredged material from dykes													
Monitor water soldier presence here and in the New Reach													
Marsh - Core: mow & remove vegetation, leaving some uncut refuges esp. for invertebrates													
Marsh - Periphery: mow													Biannual
Reed bed - Monitor reed growth													

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Arthur's Wood	,		_	_		•	_,		0,				Special timings
Keep vehicular access open through gateway													
Maintain path, scallop edges													
Dr Mair's plaque													
Community Orchard													
Keep areas round base of trees short													
Maintain access as necessary for pruning and picking													
Orchard pruning - apples, pears													
Orchard pruning - plums, cherries													
Orchard coppicing - hazels													
The Folly													
Keep paths clear													
Mow/brushcut acid grassland margins													
Clear south-facing 'sledging' slope to quarry bottom													
Maintain bare patches of south facing slope for invertebrates													
Tree safety check													Commission expert help if needed
Rails End													
Keep footpath clear													
Remove broken/fallen branches that threaten safety						ı				1			Call in tree surgeon if needed
Angel Meadow													
Mow 3m strips along each side of Track, to achieve 1m wide short sward near the track side, and taller heights further back													
Mow scallops along the edge, target areas dominated by hemlock													
Keep mound mown													
Monitor new trees, water if needed + clear round them manually													
Clear areas and plant trees as required													
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Chestnut Meadow													
Mow path around outside of meadow to 2m width													
Maintain open areas by New Reach with ride on mower													
Maintain access to lily bench													
Mow areas in amongst rank vegetation – like Venn diagrams, HELP													With no people access
Lester's Piece													
Monitor and maintain fences													
Facilitate cattle grazing													
Dredge spring-fed ditch as required													
Blyth Meadow													
Monitor and maintain fences													
Facilitate cattle grazing													
Pollard willows													Tree surgeon for large trees
Check tree guard Dr Mair's black poplar													5 5
Check nest boxes													
Monitor and manage thistles and ragwort as required by grazier													As necessary
Two Acres													
Mow footpaths to 2m width													
Monitor and manage planted trees as necessary													
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New Reach						
Dredged by the Environment Agency						Not since 2010.
Weed removal to maintain flow route						
Cut edges on towpath side in accordance with guidance on water vole conservation						Twice yearly
Cut south side of towpath edge to maintain access						
Maintain line of bushes and trees between towpath and track						
Monitor water soldier and remove if too dominant						
Cycle track						
Spray (with bio-friendly chemical) to prevent weed growth						
Monitor cattle grids and replace anti slip treads		1			1	
Structures and bridges on the Green						
Inspect as per schedule						
Storage facility						
Inspect internal fixings for secureness						Annually
Maintain outer surfaces of containers inc roof						as required
Reapply for planning permission						every 5 yrs - due 2026
Aspirations						
Explore methods for improving diversity of habitats/species, e.g. in Blyth Meadow, Lester's - plant scrub/trees and allow natural regeneration in fenced wedges						
Increase amount of water held for longer on Blyth and Lesters, through scrapes, water control mechanisms, ditch enhancement						
Be open to the idea of restoring the old lock	$\perp \perp$					
Be open to the idea of enhancing habitats for wildlife along the water courses						